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this issue has been done by the same hands and under the same skillful supervision as in former years. The paragraphs are clear and concise and are so arranged that those referring to any required subject are easily and quickly found. In a supplement which accompanies the volume are contained the cases which have not been officially reported.

Commentaries on American Law. By James Kent. Law sheep, 4 vols., 718, 1,061, 787 and 673 pages text. Little, Brown & Company, Boston, Mass., 1896.

By far the most valuable edition of this "masterpiece of Chancellor Kent's" is the present one, the fourteenth, produced under the editorship of Mr. John M. Gould, Ph.D. The notes and citations of Judge Holmes, the editor of the twelfth edition, have been altered wherever there has been a change in the meantime in the legal principle involved, and an addition of some nine thousand cases has been made to the former list. Considering the development and advance which has taken place in American law since the first quarter of the century, when Chancellor Kent first delivered the lectures which form the basis of his Commentaries, it is an arduous task indeed to so annotate the work as to make it fully harmonize with the present state of the law. This labor Mr. Gould has shown himself fully able to undertake and to complete with marked success. His notes are copious when dealing with doubtful or disputed points, yet so clearly and logically arranged are they that the principle stated is never lost or rendered obscure in a multitude of conflicting cases, as is often the case in text-books which deal with so important and fundamental legal subjects. In the words of the editor, Kent's Commentaries "will doubtless continue to rank as the first of American legal classics so long as the present order shall prevail." Be the future what it may, for the present these Commentaries owe their usefulness in no small degree to Mr. Gould's careful work as an annotator.

Illustrative Cases in Torts. By James Paige, LL.M. Cloth, 776 pages. T. & J. W. Johnson & Company, Philadelphia, Penn., 1896.

The above collection of cases forms one of the so-called "Pattee," series of illustrative cases. There are upwards of one hundred and fifty decisions, selected with great care, and serving to illustrate the leading points of the whole subject of torts. Most of them contain the opinions of the judges of this country and the book is thus expressly valuable to the American lawyer. The cases are printed in large, legible type, with a succinct statement of the principle involved at the head of each, and are arranged in proper order and sequence to be of the greatest assistance to one pursuing a systematic study of the subject.